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SUBJECT: DUTCH INTEREST IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

, NETHERLANDS EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY DE JONGE CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JULY 15 TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. HE RECALLED THAT ON JUNE 7 HE HAD MADE DEMARCHES TO DEPARTMENT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEP ASKING USG TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES IN ALLEGED DISPUTE BETWEEN SOARES AND SPINOLA AS TO WHETHER REFERENDUM COULD BE DISPENSED WITH IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA. HE INQUIRED WHETHER AS RESULT OF THIS DEMARCHE, USG HAD GIVEN ANY ADVICE TO GOP ON ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC. DEPT OFF REPLIED THAT USG HAD NOT REPORTED NOT INTERVENED IN THIS MATTER, BUT THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH PORTUGUESE AND PAIGC WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED SOON.

2. DE JONGE ASKED WHETHER US-SPANISH BILATERAL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES REPRESENTED TURNING POINT IN US-SPANISH

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RELATIONS, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT PRESAGED RENEWED US PUSH TO GET SPAIN INTO NATO. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT SECURITY LANGUAGE IN BILATERAL DECLARATION WAS NOT ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM JOINT DECLARATION OF 1962 AND THAT THE NEW DECLARATION WAS NOT AN AGREEMENT BUT RATHER A STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS. POLITICALLY, HOWEVER, IT WAS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOS. THEREFORE, WE HOPED IT WOULD CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE EXTENSION OF BASE AGREEMENT.

3. RE DE JONGE'S QUESTION REGARDING US PUSH TO GET SPAIN INTO NATO, DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT USG UNDERSTOOD THAT CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION MADE SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO IMPOSSIBLE FOR TIME BEING AND THAT USG WAS THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT PUSHING FOR SPANISH ENTRY AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THE USG FELT THAT THE TIME WLD EVENTUALLY COME WHEN SPAIN WOULD BE ADMITTED AND THAT IT MADE SENSE IN THE MEANWHILE (A) TO PREPARE FOR THIS BY ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL MILITARY LINKS, SUCH AS SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE, WHICH US EXPLORING INFORMALLY IN NATO, AND (B) TO ENCOURAGE THOSE SPANIARDS WHO DESIRE FULL SPANISH INTEGRATION INTO EUROPE, MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY, AND WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS INTEGRATION IS DEPENDENT ON POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION IN SPAIN. KISSINGER

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